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Wachusett Dam Walkway Opens to the Public on Sunday, October 8, 2017

CLINTON- On Sunday, October 8, 2017, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will open the top of the Wachusett Dam in Clinton for the public to access, walk across, and enjoy from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The walkway along the top of the majestic Wachusett Dam was originally closed in the 1990s due to water supply security and public safety concerns. In recent years, DCR has been able to open the dam to the public for a day each spring and fall. DCR Watershed Rangers will be on hand to provide information regarding the agency's watershed protection program, which is responsible for the protection of the metropolitan Boston water supply, including the Wachusett Reservoir and watershed area. Additionally, local and state fire departments, Massachusetts State and Environmental Police, Massachusetts National Guard, and many other emergency response agencies will be on hand to answer questions and showcase specialized equipment.

WHAT: The opening of the Wachusett Dam Walkway to the public

WHERE: Wachusett Dam
Clinton, MA

WHEN: Sunday, October 8, 2017
10:00AM - 2:00PM

For more information or for detailed directions, please contact the Wachusett

Reservoir Ranger Station at 978-365-3800.

*** DUE TO INCREASED SECURITY, BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES, AND OTHER LARGE BAGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT. ALL OTHER ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE EVENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO SEARCH.**

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner Leo Roy, the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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